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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA GROUP: GERMANY WELCOMES U.S. SUPPORT FOR  
CROATIAN MEMBERSHIP IN AUSTRALIA GROUP

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1. (SBU) Global Affairs officer delivered ref demarche to German MFA Export Control Division Deputy Office Director Markus Klinger March 19. Klinger said the U.S. support for Croatia's application for Australia Group (AG) membership is "good news." He noted that the EU, as well as Germany, has supported Croatia's bid for AG membership for several years. Now that the U.S. is satisfied with Croatia's improvements in its export control system, Klinger said he is optimistic the AG will reach consensus on Croatia's application, with Croatia's candidacy for EU membership bolstering its case. Klinger also observed that the U.S. opposition to Croatia's AG membership in 2006 and subsequent outreach and assistance proved beneficial, since this spurred Croatia to improve its export control system to meet AG standards.  
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